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SUBJECT: BOMBING AT FOREIGN MINISTRY

1. ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, AT 9:10 P.M., A BOMB EXPLODED ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DAMAGING SEVERAL OFFICES. APPARENTLY THE BOMB WAS THROWN AGAINST THE WEST WALL OF THE BUILDING FROM A PASSING CAR, WHILE THE NIGHT GUARD WAS ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE BUILDING. THERE WERE NO PERSONAL INJURIES; FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO HAD LEFT THE BUILDING APPROXIMATELY 40 MINUTES BEFORE THE EXPLOSION.

2. PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES ARE EXAMINING THE EVIDENCE TO IDENTIFY BOMB'S MAKE-UP AND ITS SOURCE; HOWEVER, NO DEFINITE DETAILS HAVE BEEN RELEASED AS OF FEBRUARY 10. THERE IS ONLY SPECULATION AS TO WHO MIGHT HAVE THROWN THE BOMB AND WHAT THE MOTIVE MIGHT HAVE BEEN. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PRESS HAVE CONDEMNED THE ACT OF TERRORISM AS COWARDLY AND SINGULARLY INAPPROPRIATE IN A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY SUCH AS COSTA RICA.

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